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Report of Board of Education.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Milford:

The Board of Education respectfully submit the following report of the Public Schools of Milford, for the year of 1883—84.

The School year has been unmarked by any especial event, and consequently there is very little for us to report. The schools as a whole have been very successful and the teachers have given earnest, faithful and conscientious work, and, with study for the key-note, industry for the watch-word, progress has been the result. While our Schools have been far from perfect, we think it is not too much to say that they will compare favorably with those of other towns. It is impossible with the number of scholars we have in town to have everything in perfect running order, but during the past year, there has been as little friction as could be well expected. There is much to be done to bring our schools to the high ideal we wish and to secure the desired result, will take time, patience, perseverance, and unanimity.

We have endeavored to secure the best teaching talent, which our means would command; and we have been reasonably successful. Those teachers, who have been in our schools for a long time are too tried, and too well-known, to need any words of commendation here; and after giving the best energies of heart, and brain to School work, we hope that their reward will be as great, as their work has been arduous and unselfish. Our young teachers have been faithful, and devoted, and have displayed considerable aptness in their methods of instruction, and we feel sure that age, and experience, will give them those qualities

which make the successful teacher, and which so many teachers lack in their first efforts.

We have made as few changes as possible in our teachers, retaining the old ones, where we could, and where we were obliged to supply vacancies, we have endeavored to obtain those whom we thought best fitted for the situations. In getting teachers, we have been troubled by the fact that other towns, pay higher wages than we. A single personal incident will illustrate our meaning. It was our privilege to visit a School in a small country village, in a town of not over one third the number of inhabitants of Milford, and of about the same proportion of wealth, and there we found a teacher of experience, and ability, whom we thought would be suitable to fill a vacancy in one of our Schools. In talking with her, we found that in a school much smaller in size, with less care, and less responsibility, she was getting higher wages than we pay. We know of no reason why Milford, should not pay the same wages, for the same services, as other towns. To do this the length of the Schools must be shortened or a larger appropriation made. We do not think it best to shorten the Schools, therefore we recommend a larger appropriation.

The High School has done thorough and systematic work, its teachers have been earnest, and sincere, and we feel that good results have been reached. At the close of the summer term, quite a large and promising class graduated from the school, the names of whom will be found in another place.

The other schools both in the village, and outside have made steady progress, and have maintained the reputation they have always had. The schools in the village are so graded that the scholar passes by easy steps from one to another and into the High School without difficulty, if he or she has been a faithful student; and those who do not care to take the High School course will have obtained a

good English Education, in the schools of a lower grade. The outside Schools, have been so managed that the pupil could obtain a better education, than many, whom the country delights to honor ever had, and if they wish, can enter the High School without trouble. The course of study remains the same as last year.

As will be seen in the tabulated report, some of our Schools the past year have been very small. The cost of maintaining the small schools is the same as that of maintaining the larger ones, and we think that the scholars lose much that they would receive if there was a larger number of pupils, for a class containing but a single individual is interesting neither to teacher, nor scholar; and it is impossible to create any great amount of enthusiasm in the subject studied. There ought both for economy, and the greatest good of the pupil, to be some means whereby the Scholars of these small schools, can attend the larger schools and receive the advantages derived therefrom. We commend this matter to the serious thought of all.

The condition of the school property in town is generally very good. During the year the Osgood School House has been painted, and papered; and the old broken down fence around the school yard has been replaced by a new one. One or two of the other School Houses ought to be painted and shingled the coming year. The Committee chosen by the town, at their annual meeting in March 1883, to repair the High School building, attended to their duties in the summer vacation.

In the High School rooms the floor has been relaid the old seats replaced by new ones of modern make, and many other needed repairs made and the rooms now present a very pleasant and comfortable appearance. The Primary School-room, which has for a long time been too small for its needs, was enlarged and is now roomy and cheerful. The stoves were taken out of all the rooms, and the whole building is now heated by steam which as far as we are able to judge works very satisfactorily.

LIST OF TEACHERS.

Mr. B. A. Pease,
Mr. G. W. Ruland,
Mr. W. H. Mason,
Miss Alice G. Johnson,
Miss Alice C. Gray,
Miss Josie M. Stevens,
Miss Carra A. Crosby,
Miss Ella S. Burnham,
Miss Abbie E. Crosby,
Miss Hattie E. Merrill,
Miss Maggie A. Quinlan,
Miss Jessie Marshall,
Miss Ella M. Powers,
Mrs. Ermina E. Clark,
Miss Grace H. Crosby,
Miss Jennie M. Burtt,
Miss. Grace D. Hutchinson,
Miss Anna Shattuck,
Mrs. Lizzie Howard.
Miss Marion H. Robbe,
Miss Hattie F. Crosby,
Miss Grace M. Tuttle,
Miss Clara Lancaster,

GRADUATES OF 1883.

Classical Course.

HARRIET F. CROSBY.
CARRIE E. WILSON.
THOMAS H. O'CONNER.
HARRY J. HALL.
WILLIS M. MASON.
MAURICE MATHER.
JOSEPH P. SHANNESSY.

English Course.

JOSEPH HERLIHY. EDWIN H. HINDS.

ROLL OF HIGHEST HONOR.

Names of pupils not absent or tardy during the year.

HIGH SCHOOL.

NELLIE F. BUTLER. BERTHA WILSON.
GEORGE BATCHELDER.

EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MINNIE F. PINKHAM.

TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	Weeks of School.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Spelling.	Reading.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	United States History.	Algebra.	*Other Branches.	No. between 5 and 15 not attending School.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Number not Absent through the year.	No. of instances of half day absences.	No. Ins. of Tardiness.	Number of Visitors.
HIGH SCHOOL	36	29	39	68	51	68	68	68	52	0	32	33	61	68	0	.96	3	857	07	264
GRAMMAR	36	29	29	58	40	58	58	58	58	36	58	47	0	58	0	.89	0	957	172	55
INTERMEDIATE	36	26	34	70	48	70	70	70	70	70	0	30	0	0	0	.88	0		19	108
EAST PRIMARY	33	37	33	70	33	70	70	46	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	.87	1	1277	16	88
WEST PRIMARY	34	42	28	70	33	70	70	70	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	.89	0	1302	10	101
ABBOTT	36	9	6	15	12	15	15	15	15	15	13	4	0	3	0	.89	0	893	56	65
DUNCKLEE HILL	36	6	6	12	7	12	12	12	12	7	05	5	0	2	0	.86	0	381	27	62
HOWARD	36	14	11	25	16	25	25	25	18	14	09	11	0	1	0	.92	0	567	20	135
NORTH	36	9	7	16	9	16	16	16	16	8	8	6	0	8	0	.86	0	556	20	53
OSGOOD	36	15	17	32	25	32	32	28	25	22	18	11	0	0	0	.92	0		—	130
PINE VALLEY	36	26	20	46	23	46	46	30	23	17	16	1	0	0	—	81	0	2244	191	81
SHEDD	36	13	8	21	13.	21	21	16	13	7	8	7	0	3	—	.90	0	756	58	65

*Latin, French, Natural History, Natural Philosophy, Geology, Botany, Chemistry, Astronomy, Physical Geography, Physiology, Book-keeping, General History, Civil Government, English Composition, Vocal Music.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

PAID FOR INSTRUCTION.

Mr. B. A. Pease, 36 weeks,	. . .		$1.000 00
Miss Alice G. Johnson, 36 weeks,	. .		450 00
Ella S. Burnham, 36 weeks,	$8 00	per w.	288 00
Alice C. Gray, 33 weeks,	"	" "	264 00
Carra A. Crosby, 35 weeks,	"	" "	280 00
Clara Lancaster, 2 weeks,	"	" "	16 00
Grace A. Tuttle, 6 weeks,	"	" "	48 00
Mr. G. W. Ruland, 16 weeks,	$10 00	" "	160 00
Miss J. M, Stevens, 10 w. 4 d.	8 00	" "	86 50
" G. D. Hutchinson, 12 w.,	Abbott,	$5 00	60 00
" Ella M. Powers, 12 w.,	"	6 50	78 00
" Hattie F. Crosby, 12 w.,	"	5 00	60 00
" Ella M. Powers, 12 w.,	D. Hill,	6 50	78 00
Mrs. Geo. E. Clark, 24 w ,	"	6 50	156 00
Miss Jessie Marshall, 24 w,	Osgood,	6 50	156 00
" Jennie M. Burtt, 12 w.,	"	6 50	78 00
" M. A. Quinlan, 36 w.,	Shedd,	6 50	234 00
" Hattie E. Merrill, 12 w.,	P. Valley,	8 00	96 00
" Anna Shattuck, 12 w.,	"	8 00	96 00
Mr. Willis M. Mason, 12 w.,	"	7 00	84 00
Miss Abbie E. Crosby, 24 w.,	Howard,	7 00	168 00
" M. H. Robbe, 12 w.,	"	6 50	78 00
" Grace H. Crosby, 19 w, 2d.	North,	6 50	126 10
" Ellen C. Fitch, 4 w.,	"	6 00	24 00
Mrs. W. R. Howard, 12 w.,	"	6 50	78 00
			$4,242 60

SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS.

J. F. Boynton supplies	$4 45
Mrs. J. A. Wheeler "	7 05
M. Ordway repairs	20 06
B. A. Pease chemicals	2 47
M. E. O'Neil	3 75
H. H. Barber	1 75
H. Hume chart	10 00
W. V. B. Greene supplies . . .	1 88
E. E. Richardson tuning piano . .	3 00
N. Merrill stone posts Osgood Sch. . .	10 00
L. B. Dow fence	48 50
W. R. Larrabee labor, Fence . . .	7 52
Geo. P. Lynch painting Osgood school-house	63 30
Express	1 65
M. Ordway repairs	39 24
Robert Chumard labor Dis. No. 9 . .	2 20
John B. Melendy	3 40
B. B. Otis supplies	2 00
Geo. F. King & Merrill supplies . .	45 05
H. P. Hamblett cleaning clocks . .	2 00
C. H. Wilson grading round Abbott school-house	75
B. A. Pease books	3 60
M. Ordway repairs	13 18
F. H. Heald "	65
D. S. Burnham supplies	24 89
Kidder & Whitney "	8 60
W. V. B. Greene "	8 65
B. A. Pease books	3 49
G. F. King & Merrill supplies . . .	1 00
W. V. B. Green "	1 88
D. S. Burnham "	1 66
A. W. Smith postage	1 14
W. Ordway repairs	1 35
David Heald	22 07
	$372 18

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid as follows:

M. E. O'Neil Dist. 1.	$7 00
Austin & O'Neil " 1.	9 00
C. R. Casey Dist. 1.	7 00
A. A. Cochran steam heating	25 00
E. Willoby cleaning windows	4 00
F. H. Heald "	2 30
C. Casey care Dist. 9.	5 00
Jerry Casey " " two terms	11 00
F. I. Abbott cleaning school-house	2 00
Bertha Wilson care of "	2 50
Charles J. Wilson care of Abbott two terms	6 50
N. D. Wright cleaning D. Hill House	2 00
" " " care of " " "	3 00
L. M. Wright " " " " "	3 00
Walter & Arthur Wright care of D. Hill Sch. House	4 00
Mrs. John Dame cleaniug and care of Shed School House	14 00
Geo. Pecker cleaning Osgood School House	2 00
F. D. Holland care of " 3 terms	9 00
Anna Shattuck " P. V.	3 00
Timothy Holohan " "	3 00
Willis M. Mason " " "	4 00
Abbie E. Crosby cleaning Howard school-house	2 00
Hattie M. Jenkins care of Howard 2 terms	6 00
Willie E. Knowles " " "	4 00
W. P. Eastman " " North 3 terms	8 00
	$148 30

FUEL AND PREPARING SAME.

Paid as follows:

Buttrick & Crosby wood . . .	$164 00
C. W. Scarles sawing . . .	7 25
Henry N. Hutchinson wood and sawing	16 50
H. Prouty sawing " . .	7 65
F. F. Abbott " " . .	1 87
M. E. O'Neil " " . .	7 50
C. P. Easton " " . .	6 00
Geo. E. Clark " " . .	2 25
John Dame " " . .	2 50
F. H. Heald	1 00
Edw. S. Heald	33
Calvin Merril coal	73 40
F. D. Holland kindlings . . .	50
W. E. Pierce	5 50
F. D. Holland	25
	$296 50

PRINTING.

W. W. Hemenway, ...	$43 00
F. H. Guild, filling Diplomas . . .	2 50
	$45 50

SERVICES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

C. E. Knight	$100 00
A. W. Smith	75 00
D. Heald	75 00
	$250 00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1884—5.

Instruction, ...	$4,350 00
Fuel, and preparing same, ...	300 00
Care of Houses, ...	175 00
Supply for Schools, ...	150 00
Necessary Repairs, ...	225 00
Printing, ...	50 00
	$5.250 00
Services of Board Education . .	250 00
	$5,500 00

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand . . .	$118 00	
Literary Fund, (estimated) .	210 00	
Dog Tax. . . .	130 00	
Tuition, ...	50 00	
Amount to meet estimates .	4,992 00	—$5500 00

We therefore recommend that the sum of five thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for the current year. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. E. KNIGHT,
A. W. SMITH,
DAVID HEALD, } Board of Education.

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

Ballance from last year's account	43
Cash received from Town Treasurer	5,000 00
Cash received from Literary Fund	238 17
Cash received from Dog Tax	141 00
Cash received from Tuition	67 17
Cash received from use of Land	8 00
Cash received from Ashes and Paper	1 80
Cash received from Fines	2 94
Cash received from Books	1 92
Cash received from Feather Duster	2 50
Cash received from Crayons and Pens	90
Cash received from old Fence Osgood Sch.	5 00
Cash received for Pump	1 00
Cash received from Osgood Sch. for Map	2 25
	$5,473 08

EXPENDITURES.

Paid as follows:

Instruction		4,242 60
Supplies and Repairs		372 18
Fuel and preparing same		296 50
Care of Houses		148 30
Printing		45 50
		$5,105 08
Services of Board of Education:		
C. E. Knight	100 00	
A. W. Smith	75 00	
D. Heald	75 00—	250 00
Balance on hand		118 00
		$5,473 08

We have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. S. BURNHAM, } Auditors.
S. C. COBURN, }

Report of The Trustees

——OF THE——

MILFORD FREE LIBRARY,

FOR THE YEAR 1883-4.

ORGANIZATION.

CLINTON S. AVERILL, . . . PRESIDENT.
DEXTER S. BURNHAM, . . Sec. and Treas.

TRUSTEES.

D. S. BURNHAM,
S. B. EMERSON, } . Term expires in 1884.
W. H. W. HINDS,

C. S. AVERILL,
ELI S. BURNS. } . Term expires in 1885.
D. M. HEALD,

SPENCER GUILD,
JOHN McLANE, } . Term expires in 1886.
F. W. RICHARDSON,

Sixteenth Annual Report

—of the—

Trustees of Milford Free Library

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Milford:

In accordance with established usage, the Trustees present their sixteenth annual report of the condition of the Free Library for the year 1883-4.

The Board organized by choosing Clinton S. Averill, President, and Dexter S. Burnham, Secretary and Treasurer.

The town appropriated at its annual meeting in March, 1883, Three Hundred Dollars for the support of the Library. There has been received from fines $20.86 ;—from sale of Catalogues, $13.58 :—from sale of duplicate books, $2.40, balance in hand of Treasurer, from old account, $2.63, making a total of $339.47.

There has been paid for current expenses of the Library, $174.78 ; for purchase of new books, $141.81 ; for periodicals, $22.00, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of 88 cents.

There has been added to the Library fourteen volumes of periodicals, received in numbers, and bound, or to be bound for permanent use ;—one hundred and thirty-nine volumes by purchase, twelve bound and sixteen pamphlet volumes by donation. Forty-six volumes have been rebound.

The number of persons taking out books in January 1884, was 1108. The books taken out for the year ending Janu-

ary 31, 1884, was equal to one volume 8979 times. Eighty three cards were surrendered during the year.

LIBRARIAN AND LIBRARY HOURS.

Mr Albert A. Cochran has continued to hold the office of Librarian during the year and has discharged the duties of the office acceptably.

The hours for the reception and delivery of books has remained unchanged, and are from two to five o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; and from seven to nine o'clock on Saturday evenings.

STATISTICS.

Number of volumes in the Library at the commencement of the year, ... 3,012.

Number of volumes added by purchase during the year, (including periodicals bound) . . . . 153.

Number of volumes by donation, ... 12.

Whole number at the present time, . . 3,177.

Number of pamphlets added by donation, . 16.

Books taken out for the year ending January, 1870, equal to one volume, 3,938 times.

Books taken out for the year ending January 1871, equal to one volume 7,124 times.

Books taken out for the year ending January 1872, equal to one volume 11,144 times.

Books taken out for the year ending January, 1873, equal to one volume 9,207 times.

Books taken out for the year ending January, 1874 equal to one volume 9,807 times.

Books taken out for the year ending January ,1875, equal to one volume 13,518 times.

Books taken out for the year ending January, 1876, equal to one volume 14,517 times.

Books taken out for the year ending January, 1877, equal to one volume 10,837 times.

Books taken out for the year ending January, 1878 equal to one volume 11,812 times.

Books taken out for the year ending January, 1879, equal to one volume 11,766 times.

Books taken out for the year ending January 1880, equal to one volume 9,996 times.

Books taken out for the fractional part of of the year ending July 1880, equal to one volume 3,503 times.

Books taken out for the year ending January, 1882 equal to one volume 9,484 times.

Books taken out for the year ending January, 1883, equal to one volume 8,143 times.

Books taken out for the year ending January, 1884 equal to one volume 8,979 times.

Number of persons taking out books January 1871, 492.
Number of persons taking out books January 1872, 700.
Number of persons taking out books January 1873, 750.
Number of persons taking out books January 1874, 806.
Number of persons taking out books January 1875, 945
Number of persons taking out books January 1876, 956
Number of persons taking out books January 1877, 903
Number of persons taking out books January 1878, 975
Number of persons taking out books January 1879, 1005
Number of persons taking out books January 1880, 968
Number of persons taking out books July 1880, 950
Number of persons taking out books January 1882, 1175
Number of persons taking out books January 1883, 1136
Number of persons taking out books January 1884, 1108

DONATIONS.

From the Hon. James F. Briggs, M. C. The War of the Rebellion. Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies.

4 bound volumes, VII, VIII, IX, X.

Annual Report of the Chief Signal Officer to the Secretary of War for the year 1880-81.

2 bound vol.

From Mrs. John B Bass, Quincy, Mass., Addresses and Proceedings at the Dedication of the Crane Memorial Hall, Quincy, Mass.

1 bound vol.

From the Bureau of Education, Report of the Commissioner of Education, 1881.

1 bound vol.

Circulars of Information of the Bureau of Education, No. 4, 1882, No. 1, 1883, No. 2, 1883, No. 4, 1883.

4 pamphlet vols.

From the U. Patent Office:

Official Gazette, volume 22,
" " " 23,
" " " 24,
" " " 25.

Alphabetical List of Patentees and Inventions, from July to December 1882, inclusive.

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Patents for 1882.

Alphabetical List of Patentees and Inventions, January to June, 1883, inclusive.

Alphabetical Lists of Patentees and Inventions for the year ending Sep. 30, 1883.

8 pamphlet vols.

From Hon. Horatio C. Burchard, Director of the Mint:

Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, 1880.

Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, 1881.

Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, 1882.

3 pamphlet vols.

Answers to Inquiries about the U. S. Bureau of Education, its work and History. By Chas. Warren, M. D.

1 pamphlet vol.

Annual Report of the Chief Signal Officer to the Secretary of War for the year ending June 30, 1881.

1 bound vol.

Annual Report and Statements of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics on the Commerce and Navigation of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882.

1 bound vol.

Professional Papers of the Signal Service, No. 11, 1871-1880.

1 bound vol.

Tenth Census of the United States, 1880.

1 bound vol

CONCLUSION.

One hundred and thirty-nine volumes of new books have been added by purchase during the year, comprising works on history, travels, poetry and fiction.

A supplemental catalogue of all the new volumes added has been prepared and published and is for sale at the Library. It would save time and greatly facilitate the delivery of books if each patron of the library would purchase a catalogue and prepare a memorandum of books wanted before going to the library, instead of depending on the Library Catalogue and making selections at the Library. Catalogues are sold at the cost price and the expense is very small.

Eleven hundred and eight persons have used the Library during the year and the average number for the last three years has been eleven hundred and forty. These figures show the number of persons taking out books, but by no means give the number of persons actually reading them. As the books go into familes very many more people have access to and read them than are shown by the figures representing the number taking out books. It is now sixteen years since our public library was established. During that time it has steadily increased until now it has more than three thousand volumes on its shelves, and more than half the inhabitants of the town as readers of its books. It has already out-grown its present quarters, and the convenience and comfort of those who use it demand better accomodations. It is time that this matter received consideration and it is hoped that some plan may be suggested whereby the Public Library may have quarters provided for it which are commensurate with its importance.

Respectfully submitted.

C. S. AVERILL, for the Trustees.

Milford, N. H. Feb. 28th, 1884.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the President of the Board of Trustees of the Milford Free Library.

The following Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Treasurer of said board for the year 1883-84, is hereby respectfully submitted:

Treasurer of Free Library.

Dr.

To cash on hand from last year, .	$2 63	
" " received from Town Treas. .	300 00	
" " " for fines . .	20 86	
" " " for Catalogues sold .	13 58	
" " " for Dup. Books sold	2 40—	$339 47

Cr.

By cash paid to A. A. Cochran, Lib.	$100 00	
" " " for New Books .	141 81	
" " " for binding and printing	50 53	
" " " for Periodicals for 1884	22 00	
" " " for labor and material for alteration in room	22 87	
" " " for postage express &c.,	1 38	
" " " balance in hands of Treas.	88	—$339 47

D. S. BURNHAM, Treasurer.

Milford, March 1st, 1884.

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. MILTON HEALD, Auditor.